The Research Council of Lithuania remains the most important institution, developing adequate policy of the national research, conducting expert evaluation, integrating the latest financial instruments and models in order the science of Lithuania would be viable, corresponding to global challenges and the expectations of society.

We encourage the researchers’ community to implement ambitious long-term studies, to develop new topical themes and competitively integrate into the European and world research environment. When assessing the potential of the researchers’ and contacts they have, we build bridges of a partnership with countries such as Japan, the United States, Israel and others, recognized in researches achievements.

A strong and competitive Lithuanian scientists and researchers community is our key focus.

Prof. Dainius H.Pauža,
Chairman of The Research Council of Lithuania
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Funder

- Coordinates long-term national research programmes
- Administers joint research projects based on international programmes
- Provides financial support for the improvement of competences of researchers

Expert

- Acts as an advisory body to the Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on issues relating to research and training of researchers
- Organizes the assessment of research activities and provides suggestions for the enhancement of efficiency

International research area participant

- Coordinates and administers European Research Area programmes
- Promotes competitive participation of Lithuanian scientists in international research programmes
- Develops institutional networking with similar institutions of foreign countries and organizations forming the research policy
Established in 1991 the RCL has been an expert institution on issues related to the development of research for many years. After the restructuring in 2007, the RCL became the principal national institution providing funding for research activities in Lithuania. At present the annual budget of the RCL for competitive funding of research activities amounts to EUR 30 m.

The period of 2011-2012 was of utmost importance for the establishment of a new model of funding granted by the RCL. After rapid and successful implementation an outstanding number of calls for proposals, diversity of submitted and evaluated proposals, and the number of projects under the RCL’s administration have significantly increased.

**Implements the research policy of Lithuania**

The RCL performs its main tasks by providing and discussing recommendations regarding various research policy areas and their implementation measures, the development of programme-based and competitive research funding, training of researchers, criteria for the assessment of research activities, and other issues assigned to its competence. Proposals to the RCL decisions are submitted by its Committees, ad hoc working groups, experts, research and studies institutions and other public authorities.
The annual budget of the RCL is 30 million €.
Carries out evaluation

The RCL makes proposals on the implementation of research and high education policy, evaluates research activities, research efficiency and compatibility with the State needs. Together with the Ministry of Education and Science the RCL is obligated to set the classification of research fields and branches of the six research areas approved by the Government. The RCL evaluates scientific production of the whole research system, sets the minimal qualification requirements for positions of research staff of public research institutions and is responsible for the academic recognition of foreign research (art) doctoral degrees.

The RCL draws up conclusions concerning the performance of research institutions, elects and submits to the Parliament the candidates for the position of Supervisor of academic ethics and procedures. The establishment of this institution in 2013 is an important measure ensuring appropriate transparency and quality of the national higher education and research system.

Starting with 2011 the RCL participates in evaluation of the documents submitted for obtaining the right to conduct doctoral studies in science and art.

Since 2008, the RCL has been compiling a database of experts including experienced researchers, practitioners and experts from foreign countries.

The RCL area of expertise 2010-2014

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Develops international relations

The RCL participates in the international research policy formation together with EU institutions designing joint initiatives for competitive funding that will facilitate strategically important European science policy issues. Members of the RCL participate in the activities of the committees operating under the EU research and innovation programme Horizon 2020, the Common Strategy and other working groups of the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

The RCL promotes and develops Lithuania’s participation in international research initiatives, joint EU research programmes and participates in the following associations and working groups:

- Science Europe work groups on Research Data and Research Infrastructures
- Joint Programming Initiatives
- Research infrastructure CLARIN ERIC
- Research infrastructure ESS ERIC
- National coordinator of ERIH PLUS
- COST Scientific Committee
- COST Association
- Euraxess
- HERA (ERA-NET)
- ERA-NET schemes
- PASTEUR4OA - Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies For European Union Research 2014-2016 (THE EU FP7 project)
- UNESCO initiative for Sustainability Science Partnership Programme for Middle and East Europe
- BONUS European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)
During the last five years the RCL was aiming to become a significant and reliable institution providing funding for research activities on the competitive basis following the best European practices.

Currently the list of the programmes administered by the RCL comprises in average 40 national and international programmes and the EU Structural Funds projects designed to provide funding for different research and other science-related activities – scientific events, mobility, and internships. One of the aims of the funding activities of the RCL is to have a balance of top-down and bottom-up approaches while defining the research priorities.

Every year the RCL publishes more than in average 30-35 calls for proposals according to the national, bilateral or international programmes. Currently there are 7 standing commissions operating within the RCL responsible for the supervision of competitive funding activities.

An electronic IT system meeting the most modern requirements has been implemented for submission and evaluation of proposals. The RCL is in the process of development of the electronic system for search of the results of the calls that will facilitate the access to results of research activities for internet users.

**The basic principles for funding research projects:**

- integrity
- accountability
- external expertise
- publicity and transparency
- significance of the researchers initiatives
40 national and international programmes and the EU Structural Funds projects.

30 calls for proposals per year
Allocations for the competitive research funding by the RCL, EUR millions

The state budget competitive funding allocated by the RCL for research projects and other scientific activities, EUR millions

*data of 01/09/2015
Statistics 2009-2015:

Over 230 calls for proposals announced
Over 13 500 proposals received
Over 5 700 projects funded


Success rate of the proposals (%)*, 2014-2015

Humanities and social sciences

- Lithuanian Institute of History
- Vilnius Academy of Arts
- Vilnius University
- Lithuanian Culture Research Institute
- Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore
- Vytautas Magnus University

Avarage

- Institute of the Lithuanian Language
- Šiaulai University
- Klaipėda University
- Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
- Kaunas University of Technology
- Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre
- Lithuanian University of Education
- Mykolas Romeris University
- Lithuanian Social Research Center
- Lithuanian Sports University
- Other institutions**

* success rate is calculated dividing the number of the awarded grants by the number of submitted projects proposals (%)
** other institutions are those that submitted less than 7 proposals during the period
Success rate of the proposals (%)*, 2014-2015

Physical, agricultural, biomedical and technological sciences

Vytautas Magnus University
Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
Nature Research Centre
Vilnius University
Kaunas University of Technology

**Average**

Center for Physical Science and Technology
State Research Institute Center for Innovative Medicine
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
Aleksandras Stulginskis University
Lithuanian Sports University
Lithuanian Energy Institute
National Cancer Institute
Klaipėda University
Other institutions**

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** other institutions are those that submitted less than 7 proposals during the period
The correspondence of the RCL funding schemes to the strategic goals

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<th>Foster international collaboration</th>
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<th>Ensuring the development of researchers’ career</th>
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+++ very relevant   ++ relevant   + partly relevant
The RCL funding portfolio includes two large top-down funding schemes with pre-defined topics for national Lithuanian studies development, National Research Programmes and some smaller, such as Need-driven Research Projects and Technological Development Projects. The two major bottom-up funding schemes are the Researcher teams projects and the Global Grant measure.

**National Research Projects**

*Top-down research*

**State Lithuanian Studies and Dissemination Programme for 2016-2024**

This programme will represent a follow-on of the National Lithuanian studies development programme for 2009-2015, which was the first programme administered by RCL. The purpose of the programme is to coordinate and integrate, through the competitive funding arrangements, the principal Lithuanian studies and their dissemination in Lithuania and abroad, implement the priority of the Lithuanian studies, strengthen the contribution of the Lithuanian studies into the development of the national humanities, and thus create a scientific basis for the civic and cultural self-consciousness in Lithuania, as well as the preservation of the Lithuanian heritage.

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**National Development Programme for Lithuanian Studies 2009-2015: calls for proposals***

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*data of 01/09/2015
National Research Programmes: calls for proposals 2010-2015*

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National Research Programmes

One of the main instruments is National Research Programmes (NRP). NRP can be perceived as the research activities, methodologies and measures all tailored to a specific theme, providing most optimal conditions for a country to address its strategically important problems. These programmes are the best representatives of the top-down approach as they have to be approved by the Ministry of Education and Science and taking into account the relevance of the topics to the State and the society and the ability to consolidate researchers of the country for the coming 5-7 years.

Four national programs according to new topics started in 2015. The duration of research project in different fields is 2-3,5 years with the funding of 150-350 thousand euros.
The citation index in recognised scientific journals of the articles drawn up while implementing the NRP projects, 2014-2015*

*Thomson Reuters ISI Web of Science data of 23/09/2015

**Need-driven Research Projects**

This new programme (first call at 2015) is also based on the top-down financing approach and designed to finance the urgent short-term applied research, based on needs of the state. The main purpose of this programme is to make practical recommendations as well as investigate and develop future scenarios and models based on scientific methodologies for the State institutions.

On the first call (for the period 2015-2016) 9 projects were approved and 495 thousand euro were allocated for the researchers.
**Bottom-up research**

**Researcher teams projects**

The calls for proposals for the scheme are always responded by the largest number of proposals. This measure supported by the RCL ranks as second among competition-based measures in terms of the financing allocated, and the first by the number of projects financed.

**Researcher teams projects: call for proposals  2010-2015***

Eligible are the projects carried out by a researcher or by a group of researchers in any field of research: humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, biomedicine, technological and agricultural sciences.

*Data of 01/09/2015
Global Grant
The Global Grant measure is funded by the EU Structural Funds and is designed to support projects of world-class researchers. Global Grant support is open to domestic and foreign researchers for implementation of their research projects in any field of science. The grant is awarded for 2-4 years covering all expenses related to the implementation of the project.

The scheme represents a significant portion of the RCL funding portfolio:

- 106 research projects
- 32 M. € the total value of the projects

The citation index in recognised scientific journals of the articles drawn up while implementing the NRP and researcher teams projects, 2014-2015*

*Thomson Reuters ISI Web of Science data of 23/09/2015
International Programmes

RCL is constantly expanding the network of international partnership countries and participating in different programmes dedicated to research projects as well as for mobility and carrier.

**International partnership programmes for collaborative research projects:**
- Lithuanian-Japan initiative for joint projects;
- Lithuanian–Swiss cooperation programme;
- Nordic-Baltic cooperation initiative;
- Lithuanian–Ukrainian cooperation programme;
- Open partnership (Lithuania-worldwide) research projects.

**Participation in ERA-NET coordination schemes**
The RCL together with partner countries administers six more international programmes and takes part in the initiatives of research and development:
- ERA-NET programme BiodivERsA3,
- ERA-NET programme EuroNanoMed2,
- ERA-NET programme MERA-NET,
- HERA programme under ERA-NETplus,
- JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a New Challenge for Europe,
- JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans,
- JPI Urban Europe,
- Joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme BONUS.
EU Structural Funds Projects

2007-2013

The EU Structural Funds were used to create a variety of competitive funding measures. The projects implemented in 2007-2013 have widely expanded the possibilities for large-scale research activities as well as for mobility and career support. Total allocations for the projects administered by the RCL reached around EUR 73 million.

FUNDING WAS ALLOCATED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Promotion of the international level research conducted by experienced and young researchers and attracting foreign researchers into the Lithuanian research area (Global Grant measure).
- Promotion of postdoctoral studies while assisting young researchers in launching their independent research and preparing for academic and pedagogical career; 225 young scientists have accomplished postdoctoral fellowships (project Postdoctoral Fellowship Implementation in Lithuania).
- Promotion of students interest in research and disclosing the prospects in the area of research by participating in autumn and summer research practice and doctoral internships (project Promotion of research activities of students),
- Visits of researchers to Lithuanian, participation in doctoral studies process, delivering of lectures and carrying out research, as well as visits to give presentations at international conferences and carry out research activities abroad (project Competitive funding of short-term visits of researchers),
- Competitive doctoral studies, providing additional possibilities to engage in doctoral studies at Lithuanian higher education and research institutions (project Improvement of training of high qualification specialist for the development of research-intensive economic sub-sectors).

2014-2020

The projects implemented were helpful in shaping expectations for the new period of the EU structural assistance. The administrative schemes being changed in order to facilitate researchers and their institutions with simplified processes and friendlier environment for project managers. Kažkap pabandyti gražiau, grafiškai: The budget for the projects in 2014-2020 is estimated to amount to EUR 68 million.

The EU Structural Funds projects are allocated to the following areas:

- Brain gain and reintegration,
- Promotion of high level international and national research and cultural development,
- Strengthening postdoctoral studies,
- Supporting the activities of academic communities, promoting mobility, and dissemination of research results.
The RCL acts as the administrator of the European Union and European inter-governmental programmes and as the national coordinator to some of the activities.

The RCL represents the following areas of the biggest EU research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 in Lithuania:

- three areas of the priority Excellent Science: the support programme of the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions and the Research infrastructure programme,
- the thematic area Space technologies (alternate) of the priority Industrial Leadership,
- four areas of the priority Societal Challenges: Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing, Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Bioeconomy (alternate), Climate Change, Recourse Efficiency and Raw Materials, Inclusive, effective and reflective society,
- the area Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation,
- the activities of the Joint Research Centre.

Horizon 2020 collaborative links.
Top 5 Lithuanian partners for proposals*

- Germany 92
- France 65
- United Kingdom 65
- Spain 56
- Italy 53

*E-CORD data of 15/07/2015
Supporting Horizon 2020 applicants

Seeking to incentivise Lithuanian participants of the Horizon 2020, the RCL grants support to applicants drafting proposals for the projects under Horizon 2020 programme. Total 14 Lithuanian research and studies institutions submitted 55 proposals and EUR 84,569 were allocated to compensate the expenses concerned.

Lithuanian participation in Horizon 2020*

- 434 proposals with partners from Lithuania
- 488 participants from Lithuania involved in proposals, 92 of them coordinators
- EUR 6,28 million grants awarded to 47 projects with partners from Lithuanian
- 52 participants from Lithuania involved in granted projects, 8 of them coordinators
- Success rate – 11.89 %.

*European Commission data of 23/07/2015
## Lithuanian participation in Horizon 2020 during 2014-2015*

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* E-CORDA data of 23/07/2015
Participation in COST Actions

The Council represents Lithuania in Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and plays a national coordinator’s (CNC) role of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology programme COSTnominating researchers to the management committees of COST Actions. In 2014 RCL has appointed the biggest number ever of nominness during the Lithuania’s participation in the programme: after the expert assessment of 101 proposal 81 Lithuania’s representative was nominated to 63 COST action management committees.

Participation of Lithuania in COST Actions according to scientific domains, 2000-2014

Other programme measures for mobility and carrier

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